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Henry R. Dittmer. LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER

139 WEST MAIN STREET. BAY SHORE. NEW YORK 11706

May 14th, 1979

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am a collector of colonial coins and have recently purchased a 1/24th Real James II tin coin with the backward or sideways four in the date. I was told that it is unique and a new variety. It, as best as I can determine, an obverse 6 and reverse C. It has a decent reverse (date side) and an obverse with some of the lettering worn or damaged, but it is not a bad looking coin. I do not know how to grade it as I have absolutely no experience with these pieces.

I understand that you are a collector of this series and was wondering if you might be interested in buying it or trading a coin for it. I myself am interested in other areas of colonials and am looking for a New York Excelsior Cent, Maryland Groat and Sixpence, and many other coins. I collect New Jersey Cents, Vermont Cents, Machins, Mass. Cents and Half Cents, and Fugios by die variety.

If you are a dealer I would appreciate your sending a list of what you have available for sale. I receive most of the auction catalogues and have been actively buying for two or three years although I started collecting at the age of eight.

I would appreciate hearing from you by letter or telephone. Perhaps you could forward your phone number also.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Henry R. Dittmer.
Henry R. Dittmer

P.S. I also collect St. Patrick Half Pennies by die variety. According to Vlack there are only nine. I do not mind buying duplicates of any coin if it is in better shape than my own. I am also trying to find an N.E. Shilling (I already have a Willow Tree from Joe Flynn) and six and three pence Willow, Oak (and two pence) and Pine Tree silver.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 18, 1979

Mr. Henry R. Dittmer
139 West Main Street
Bay Shore, New York 11706

Dear Mr. Dittmer:

Thank you for your letter of May 14, 1979, outlining your interest in early American coinage. I have been a collector for almost 60 years and have enjoyed particularly the field in which you have concentrated.

You asked if I were a dealer and I can assure you I am not only not a dealer, but do not sell anything so that I am non-commercial. I will exchange coins in order to add to my collection.

With respect to your tin farthing, I suggest you send me a picture. In that way I can tell whether it is a known variety or a new variety. Since I wrote the die variety listing on the subject additional coins have made their appearance. You might also advise me who told you that your coin was unique.

My telephone number at the office is 314-444-6525 and my residence number is 314-727-0850.

It was a pleasure to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Henry R. Dittmer. LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER

139 WEST MAIN STREET. BAY SHORE. NEW YORK 11706

May 28th, 1979

Mr. Eric P. Newman
c/o Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please find enclosed the coin we discussed over the telephone. Please leave it in the plastic holder as I never handle my coins as I wish to avoid getting any oil or sweat from my hands on them. However, if you wish to make a picture of it for any future die variety plates, you may do so. But please handle it properly and gently! I have seen some dealers really handle coins roughly and even eat food at the same time! I do not understand how they can treat coins of such historical value in such a careless manner.

I took your advice and joined the A.N.A. and hope to receive the April edition as you suggested.

Thank you very much for your help and kind advice.

Very truly yours,

Henry R. Dittmer.
Henry R. Dittmer

P.S. If you decide to take a picture, please throw away the staple and do not restaple the envelope. Leave it open. There is less danger of it scratching the coin. Please do not hesitate to take a picture if you want one as I would like it to be a plate coin anyway. Thank you again! --H.R.D.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

June 11, 1979

Mr. Henry R. Dittmer
139 W. Main St.
Bay Shore, NY 11706

Dear Mr. Dittmer:

Your Plantation tin farthing is known as variety 8-C which was not known to me when I classified the varieties many years ago. It is a rare variety, but not unique. The coin shows very little wear. It weighs $144\frac{1}{2}$ grains. Its specific gravity is 7.4.

Its distinctive obverse characteristics are that the second I of II is higher than each adjacent letter, the head is directly under the period with hair touching the B and FR are slightly spread apart.

Yours has extensive tin pest deterioration next to the right forearm under the horse, and on the E of ET. It has an edge dent on the reverse just left of H, and a dent at the rim opposite BUS,

The edge decoration is crushed in some areas.

I already have a picture of another example, but if you ever have a nice picture taken of yours, I would like it for our files.

I hope you get much enjoyment from owning this interesting variety. It is returned herewith. I hope our thoughts are helpful to you. If you wish to reimburse our organization for the registry fee you may do so.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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JOHN M. KLEEBERG
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New York, NY 10022

November 15, 2008

Dear Henry,

You have sent me photographs of six coins that are said to have been found in the ground in the vicinity of Middletown, Connecticut. You also state that you have shown the coins to Paul Bosco. You did not supply the diameters of the coins, nor the weights, nor any provenance of the pieces.

The coins are as follows:

- (1) Bronze piece with two heads, one wearing a crown, the other a turban. Unidentified. Probably a game counter or checker. A game of Christian versus Turk?
- (2) Gold fantasy piece in a jewelry setting. This piece copies the 2 ducat issued by Overijssel in the Low Countries, but varies from it significantly in both the inscription and the type. The Overijssel piece was issued in or about the 1580s.
- (3) Probably France, Charles VI, chaise à or (could 1/2 chaise). Authenticity questionable. May be a counterfeit or fantasy. Could also be a Low Countries imitation of a chaise. Charles VI ruled 1380-1422.
- (4) France, Louis XII, gold écu. Louis XII reigned 1498-1515. Possibly genuine.
- (5) France, Henry III, gros (could be 1/2 gros), 1582, billon, genuine.
- (6) Spanish Netherlands, Charles II of Spain, copper jeton, 1683, Mitchiner 2784, genuine.

Because of the lack of weights and diameters, it was not possible to be certain of the denomination of several coins.

The group comprises 3 AV, 1 BI, 2 AE. It includes three coins that would be valuable if genuine (which they may not be), and if not genuine still have a melt value for the hoarder, and one coin and two jetons that are close to valueless. It includes coins that were minted over two hundred years apart. It includes coins that never were in circulation at the same time. None of these pieces have ever been found in a secure hoard or other archaeological context in the Americas before. The find story is not credible.

Sincerely yours,

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John M. Kleeborg